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Mar. 31, 1921.

To the Secretary of State:

By the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, I herewith file with you Senate Bill # 39, an Act to amend the Fire Escape Law of Texas, with my disapproval and veto of said bill, for the following reasons:

This bill provides for a "Metal Fire Escape" instead of a "Standard Fire Escape". A metal fire escape means any kind of a fire escape made of metal. It may be a rudely constructed ladder inadequate in every way as a fire escape. If a building needs a fire escape at all, it should have one that could be used with safety. A "standard" type means a certain character of a fire escape, but merely a "metal" escape means, for practical purposes as a fire escape, nothing. I think the fire escape law needs amending, but not by substituting "metal" fire escape for a "standard" fire escape. This bill is therefore disapproved and vetoed.

Yours sincerely,

Governor

Received in Department of State
This 31st day of March 1921
at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes
J. L. Stefler
Sec. of State